

No. 398.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Durham vigilant society for apprehending horse thieves and other villains, in the county of Bucks.

- INCORPORATE.** SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the Durham vigilant society for apprehending horse thieves and other villains, in the county of Bucks, is hereby erected into a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The Durham vigilant society for apprehending horse thieves and other villains," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued in all the courts of record of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere; and shall be able to purchase, receive, have, hold, and enjoy, to them and to their successors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, rents, annuities, franchises, goods and chattels of what nature, quality or kind soever, real, personal or mixed, or choses in action, and shall have power the same from time to time to sell, grant, alien and dispose of: *Provided,* That the clear yearly income of the lands and tenements, goods and chattels, shall not exceed two thousand dollars; and also to ordain, establish, and put in execution, such subordinate laws and regulations as shall appear necessary and convenient for the government of the said corporation, not being contrary to the constitution of the United States or of this commonwealth, and generally to do all and singular such matters and things which to them it shall lawfully appertain to do, for the well being of the said corporation, and the proper management of its affairs.
- MEMBERS.** SECTION 2. That this society shall consist of all such persons as are now members, or shall hereafter be admitted as such, agreeable to the by-laws of said society.
- OFFICERS.** SECTION 3. That the officers of the said society shall consist of five directors, who shall elect one of their number to preside as president, one secretary, and one treasurer; the duties of said officers shall be particularly set forth in the by-laws of said society.
- ANNUAL ELECTION.** SECTION 4. That the officers enumerated by this act, shall be chosen by ballot, at a general meeting of the said society, on the last Saturday of December annually, to continue in office for one year, or until their successors be elected.
- FUNDS.** SECTION 5. That the funds of the society shall be exclusively appropriated to the payment of rewards offered for and the expenses incurred in detecting horse thieves and other villains, and recovering stolen horses, and defraying the necessary costs attending the meetings of the society.
- RESERVATION.** SECTION 6. That the legislature reserves the right to alter, amend or annul the charter at any time hereafter.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 DANIEL L. SHERWOOD,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.
 FRANK R. SHUNK.